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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONSULTATIONS WITH NETHERLANDS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS O. ENDERS:

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USDEL FOR CONSULTATIONS IN HAGUE
OCTOBER 21-25 ARE PREMISED ON MEMO TO DEPUTY SECRETARY
TRANSMITTED TO YOU SEPARATELY. USDEL WOULD TAKE POSITION
THAT, BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA, KLM'S TRANSATLANTIC CAPACITY
IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND SHOULD BE
REDUCED TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY. IF NETHERLANDS
DELEGATION DOES NOT AGREE TO AN ACCEPTABLE REDUCTION IN
CAPACITY, USDEL SHOULD TERMINATE CONSULTATIONS, NOTE U.S.
OBJECTIONS TO CONTINUATION KLM CAPACITY LEVELS, AND REPORT
RESULTS FOR REVIEW SITUATION IN WASHINGTON. ALSO, IF IT
CAN BE DONE WITHOUT DEROGATING FROM PRIMARY U.S. INTEREST
IN KLM CAPACITY ADJUSTMENT, USDEL SHOULD SEEK OBTAIN
NETHERLANDS UNDERTAKING TO RENEGOTIATE AT A LATER, BUT
EARLY, DATE EXISTING BILATERAL WITH KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS
INTO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS WITH NETHERLANDS, NETHERLANDS
ANTILLES, AND POSSIBLY SURINAM.

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2. INITIAL POSITION WOULD CALL FOR KLM TO REDUCE CAPACITY
IN 1975 SO THAT, AT A REASONABLE SEAT FACTOR, ITS SIXTH
FREEDOM TRAFFIC WOULD BE ONLY 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL, INSTEAD

OF ABOUT 50-60 PERCENT AT PRESENT. ALTHOUGH DELEGATION
WOULD HAVE DISCRETION WORK OUT A FINAL, ACCEPTABLE REDUC-
TION, INSTRUCTIONS ENVISION THIS WOULD BE A REDUCTION IN
CAPACITY IN 1975 OF ABOUT HALF OF 1974 CAPACITY. SINCE
TRAFFIC IS DECLINING, NET IMPACT ON KLM WOULD BE LESS
THAN THIS. WE WOULD ALLOW KLM DECIDE HOW THIS CAPACITY
WOULD BE APPORTIONED ON SEASONAL BASIS DURING YEAR.

3. INSTRUCTIONS BEING SUBMITTED KATZ FOR SIGNATURE AND
SHOULD BE SIGNED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY OCTOBER 18. KISSINGER

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